

An early action on the merits of the claims is requested.

Respectfully submitted,



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VERSION WITH MARKINGS TO SHOW CHANGES MADE

Claim 9 (amended). The mailing machine assembly according to claim 5, wherein said [interface is a] first and second interfaces are serial [interface] interfaces.